

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 7-17, 21, 23-38, 39, and 41-42 were pending in the application.

Claims 2-6, 18-20, 22, and 40 were previously cancelled.

Claims 1, 7-13, 16, 17, 21, 23-26, 32-39, and 41 stand under final rejection.

Claims 14, 15, 27-31, and 42 are objected to, but contain allowable subject matter.

In The Claims:

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14-15, 27-31, and 42.

Independent Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 14 and intervening claim 12. Claims 12 and 14 are cancelled. The dependency of claims 13, 15, and 16 are appropriately amended.

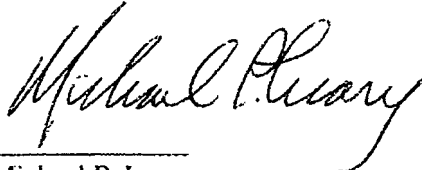
Independent Claim 21 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 27 and intervening claim 26. Claims 26 and 27 are cancelled. The dependency of claims 28, 30 and 31 are appropriately amended.

Independent Claim 31 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 41. Claim 42 is cancelled. The dependency of claims 13, 15, and 16 are appropriately amended.

Dependent claims 17 and 34-38 are cancelled to reduce the total claims to 21/3.

Applicant submits that these amendments after final have placed the remaining claims in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted



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